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SUBJECT : Tsingtao (Ching-tao) Urban Area NO. : B-1002-59

LOCATION : Shantung Province, China DATE: 20 May 1959

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MAP DATA : ATMP 0381-9996-100A

Tsingtao (36°04'N/120°19'E) is located 340 miles north-northwest of Shanghai on the northeast coast of China where it serves as the deep-water terminus of the Shantung railroad. The city is an important industrial center and commercial port with increasing significance as a submarine and naval repair base. The population of Tsingtao was reported by [REDACTED] sources to be approximately 850,000 in 1959.

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[REDACTED] of Tsingtao has been studied and reveals little change in the industrial make-up since [REDACTED]. The port area appeared active with at least six submarines, three destroyers, three cargo ships, and several patrol craft present in addition to a number of other smaller naval craft.

Listed below are some of the industries and installations reported to be in or near Tsingtao.

Thermal power plants
Cotton textile plants
Petroleum storage
Ammunition storage
Railroad repair shops
Motor vehicle assembly plant

Iron plant
Rubber products plant
Alcohol plant
Metal fabricating plant
Submarine repair base
Naval base

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